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Appraisal of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS) and other rural development schemes have not been able to achieve their aims and objectives upto the desired level due to lack of technical and appropriate supervisory officers during the last threeyears and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has (i) reduced distress migration among rural poor, (ii) smoothened rural consumption in the lean season (iii) set high standards in transparency, (iv) addressed under-employment problem (v) created assets that improved livelihoods (vi) gave boost to the financial inclusion (vii) strengthened Gram Panchayats (viii) improved the wage levels in rural areas and thereby increasing the income levels of the poorest of poor (xi) set standards for decent working conditions and (x) helped in bringing fallow lands into cultivation.

The programme has also faced challenges of (i) delays in payment of wages (ii) corrupt practices in implementation (iii) denial of entitlements (iv) poor technical capacity to implement large number of works and (v) poor quality of assets created.

(c): Major steps taken by the Government to improve the programme implementation under MGNREGA is given in Annexure-I.

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